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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In Re Application of

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For: **SIGNAL PROCESSING APPARATUS
AND METHODS**

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**I. AMENDMENT AND REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION
UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.116**

This amendment is responsive to the Office Action mailed March 31, 1998. Applicants respectfully request that the following amendments be entered into the above-captioned application:

In the Claims

Applicants request entering the below amendments to the claims. Claims 2-4 and 23 are amended. For the PTO's convenience, claims that remain unchanged are included below in order to allow the Examiner to review all pending claims from this response in their numerical order.

2. (Twice Amended) A method of communicating programming to at least one [subscriber] user in a network, said network comprising at least one programming origination station, a plurality of intermediate transmission stations, and a plurality of [subscriber] user stations, each of said plurality of intermediate transmission stations receiving programming from

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